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Dallas County Reports 249 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 11:00am May 8, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 249 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 5,369, including 135 deaths.

The additional deaths being reported today include:

- A man in his 40's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Duncanville, and had been critically ill in an area hospital
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson, and had been hospitalized.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Irving, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Duncanville, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Garland, and expired in hospice care at the facility.

Of cases requiring hospitalization who reported employment, about 79% have been critical infrastructure workers, with a broad range of affected occupational sectors, including: healthcare, transportation, food and agriculture, public works, finance, communications, clergy, first responders and other essential functions. Of cases requiring hospitalization, two-thirds have been under 65 years of age, and about half do not have high-risk chronic health conditions. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized

patients with COVID-19. Of the 135 total deaths reported to date, over a third have been associated with long-term care facilities.

New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with a more detailed summary report updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

“Today ties for the deadliest day in Dallas County and is four cases below our previous high for most positive cases. Additionally, COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU trends have not declined. Dr. Huang and the Public Health Committee are recommending you: (1) avoid unnecessary crowds, (2) maintain six foot distancing, (3) wear a cloth face covering at businesses or on public transportation and (4) wash your hands and practice good hygiene to #FlattenTheCurve. They also remind us #StayHomeSaveLives,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:
<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends taking everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children to do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-base hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands.

Additional information is available at the following websites:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC Travel Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- DSHS: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>
- DCHHS: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>

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